

## VALLEY FIELD DAY TO BE BIG EVENT

Athletic Contests Arranged for  
Shenandoah Schools and  
Colleges.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Harrisonburg, Va., February 24.—  
Harrisonburg is the place and April  
15 is the date for the second annual  
track and field meet of the Shenandoah  
Valley Athletic Association of  
schools and colleges. This was the  
decision arrived at Saturday at the  
meeting of the delegates representing  
a number of schools in the association.  
"Valley Field Day" was a great  
success last year, and the event this  
time promises to eclipse last year's  
meet by great odds. It is expected  
that over 500 young athletes will be  
present from the twenty odd Valley  
schools and colleges belonging to the  
association.

Valuable prizes will be awarded to  
the winners of the various events, and  
the athlete who wins the highest number  
of points will be crowned all-  
round champion of the Valley by the  
prestigious girl on the ground, the latter  
to be decided by a vote of all contestants.

Valley Field Day will be a gala occasion.  
The association was projected and  
organized last year by Professor  
James C. Johnston, of the Harrisonburg  
High School, who is the president  
of the organization. Mr. Johnston  
and others interested are determined  
to leave no stone unturned to  
make the day a big success.

A band of music will be on hand  
to furnish inspiring airs and pretty  
girls will cheer their favorites on  
to success. The following schools  
belong to the association: Elkhorn  
Military Academy, Staunton Military  
Academy, Augusta Military Academy,  
Hampden-Mason Academy, Massanutten  
Academy, Shenandoah Collegiate  
Institute, Shenandoah Valley Academy,  
Bridgewater College, and the high  
schools of the principal towns of the  
Valley.

### WILL PRACTICE IN TEXAS.

Orth to Join Indianapolis Team and  
Go to Veno.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., February 24.—Al  
Orth, who is to pitch for Indianapolis,  
in the association, has been ordered to  
report in Indianapolis on March 1. The  
Hoosiers are to leave the following  
day for Waco, Tex., where they will  
be in training until April 1. Orth  
believes he will get into shape for good  
work in that effort.

Nelson Ready for Another Fight.  
Reno, Nev., February 24.—Bill  
Nelson to-day said that he would meet  
"Cyclone" Thompson in a forty-five-  
round fight at San Francisco the last  
week in April, or the first week in  
May. He said that the fight would be  
held in a new building, which will be  
constructed for that purpose.  
Louis Biot will promote the fight.  
Formal announcement of the Nelson  
and Thompson fight will be made in  
Chicago, whether Nelson is bound.

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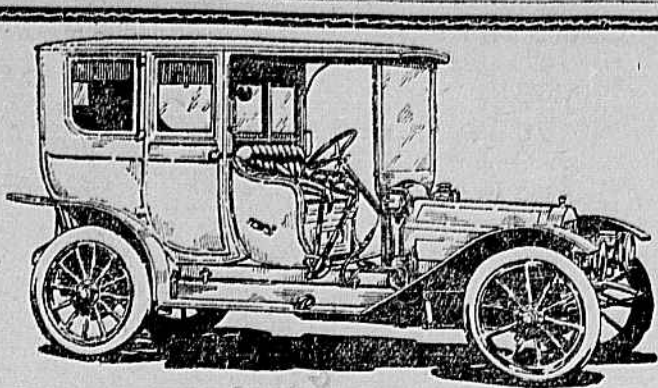
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## HOW SAM FITZPATRICK CAN LAUGH AT JOHNSON

Old Manager of Negro Will Now Have Chance  
to Even Up With Pugilist—Giants  
Start for South.

New York, February 24.—In selecting  
San Francisco as the battleground  
for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, the pro-  
moters have uncovered an interesting  
piece of history. The fight will be  
granted to a new organization  
called the Broadway A. C., of which  
Sam Fitzpatrick is the matchmaker  
and manager. It is said that the back-  
ers of the club are Jack Gleason, J. W.  
Goffroth and Tex Rickard, with Eddie  
Graney having since because of his  
political pull; but it is also stated that  
the police authorities, headed by John  
L. Herget (Young Mitchell), have com-  
pelled the promoters to take care of  
Fitzpatrick.

It will be recalled that Fitzpatrick  
practically made Jack Johnson. He  
supplied many a dollar when the negro  
was flat broke, and when the chance  
was offered to corner Tommy Burns,  
Fitzpatrick actually borrowed the price  
of tickets to England, where he sub-  
sequently negotiated a loan to make  
the trip to Australia. Without Fitz-  
patrick's assistance Johnson probably  
would not have had a crack at Burns,  
so that when the negro won the heavy-  
weight championship of the world he  
was expected to more than repay his  
manager. But Fitzpatrick was thrown  
down hard and had to borrow more  
money to get back to San Francisco.  
This new turn of the wheel, how-  
ever, will enable Fitzpatrick to have  
his laugh on Johnson. The latter will  
help to draw money to the box offices,  
over which Fitzpatrick will have super-  
vision. If Johnson does not relish the  
idea he can either grip down the bit-  
ter pill or back out of the fight, for  
supervisor Herget, who was a famous  
pugilist in his early days and knows  
the meaning of gratitude, says that  
Fitzpatrick is entitled to something, and  
will get it.

Joe Gans Challenges Volcanst.  
Joe Gans, the champion, has accepted  
a challenge to meet Volcanst, but few persons believe  
the former champion really means busi-  
ness. Gans was reported to be seri-  
ously ill a few months ago. He is  
running a hotel in Baltimore, and  
hasn't had on a glove since he tor-  
tered through ten rounds here with  
Jabez White, an ancient Briton.

Leave for Training Grounds.  
Charles Hemphill and Jack Kleynow,  
of the Highlanders, left here early  
for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will  
remain until March 5. As Keeler has  
been released, Hemphill thinks he will  
be one of the regular outfielders this  
year. He is still a young man, a hard,  
free hitter, and is in excellent health  
once more. He was ill a part of last  
season, and could not do himself jus-  
tice. Kleynow says he is determined  
to remain the team's leading backstop,  
and will make a crater. Supervisor  
Mitchell hustles to keep him on the  
bench.

Giants Start for New Orleans.  
Arthur Devlin, Cy Seymour, Charley  
Herzog and Jack Murray, of the Giants,  
sailed for New Orleans yesterday. They  
said they were anxious to get into  
hot weather. Murray, who McGraw is  
putting the colts through their paces.  
It was said yesterday that Willie Keel-  
er had notified McGraw and Manager  
Dahlen, of the Brooklyn, that he had be-  
come a free agent. It is believed he will  
be one of the Giants' outfielders, as  
McGraw has plenty of faith in his  
ability to play the old speedy game.

Wants to Go to South.  
Hal Chase, the Highlanders' star  
first baseman, spent several hours yes-  
terday looking over some new bats  
and mitts. He discarded his overcoat  
some time ago, and says he is hankering  
for the Southern climate. "We  
will have a fast team this year," said  
Prince Hal yesterday, "and I fondled a  
heavy wagon tongue, and if we get  
a good start, look sharp!"

## CATCHER KLING IS STILL OUT OF FOLD

Cincinnati, Ohio, February 24.—John  
Kling, former star catcher of the Chi-  
cago National League baseball team,  
must show cause to the National Base-  
ball Commission why he should be re-  
stored to good standing as a player.  
The mandate is also extended to the  
management of the Chicago club. Be-  
cause of a lack of evidence, the Na-  
tional Baseball Commission to-day re-  
fused to take any action on Kling's  
petition for reinstatement. The case  
was discussed at length and then laid  
over for future consideration either by  
correspondence or at a special meeting  
of the commission.

Kling's Side of Case.  
Kansas City, Mo., February 24.—"I  
am perfectly willing to submit all the  
evidence in my possession to the Na-  
tional Commission," said John Kling  
to-day, when shown the dispatch from

## GENTLEMEN'S RACE PROVES A FIASCO

Heavily Backed Favorite Shows  
Up Badly, Making No  
Effort to Win.

Jacksonville, Fla., February 24.—The  
gentlemen's race, the carded feature at  
Monterey to-day, was more or less of  
a fiasco. Butler, Box, the opening  
favorite in this race, and ridden by  
Tommy Wright, was the medium of  
a world of unfavorable criticism.  
Wright did not appear to make any  
effort until the race was lost to Tivoli.  
Summary:

First race—three and a half fur-  
longs, selling—New Star, 109 (Tru-  
ler), 8 to 1; first; Abe Attell, 105  
(Obert), 9 to 2; second; Hawklike, 103  
(S. Davis), 5 to 1; third; Time, 1:41.4-  
Orlando, Renovator, Red Boy, Schindler,  
trills, ran.

Second race—six furlongs—Havre,  
107 (Obert), 3 to 1; first; Horace E.  
(Hannan), 3 to 1; second; Horace E.  
102 (S. Davis), 3 to 2; third; Time,  
1:19.4-5. Eldorado, Brown Tony, Low  
Heart, M. J. Whelan, Sir Vagrant and  
Lustacian ran.

Third race—"gentlemen's race," mile  
and seventy yards, selling—Tivoli, 110  
(Mr. Pons), 6 to 5; first; Grassan,  
149 (Mr. Jennings), 20 to 1; second;  
Ballot Box, 119 (Mr. Wright), 9 to 5;  
third; Time, 1:55.5-6. Creps, Beck-  
ham ran.

Fourth race—mile, purse—Dr. Holz-  
berg, 105 (Ganz), 7 to 10; first; Royal  
Caprice, 104 (Ganz), 10 to 1; second;  
Sir Catesby, 105 (Powers), 12 to 1;  
third; Time, 1:44.4-5. Joe Rose,  
Nethermost, ran.

Fifth race—seven furlongs, purse—  
The Golden Butterfly, 109 (Powers),  
5 to 1; first; Fulfill, 107 (Burns), 7  
to 5; second; Varsion, 107 (Obert), 4  
to 1; third; Time, 1:30.2-3. Lady  
Indian Maid and Queens Song, ran.

Sixth race—mile and a sixteenth,  
selling—Mamie, 109 (Obert), 6  
to 1; first; Ardis, 101 (Gors), 5 to 1;  
second; Harry Scott, 105 (Davis),  
third; Time, 1:53.3-5. Warfield, St.  
Joseph, Woolstone and Mugwump, ran.

Five Favorites Win.  
Tampa, February 24.—Five favorites  
and one heavily played second choice  
rewarded the players of form to-day.  
Summertime weather prevailed and the  
sport was ideal. The defeat of Merly  
Gift was the upset of the day, the  
horse being held at 2 to 5 in the bet-  
ting. Cassowary, showing a marked  
reversal of form, won with ease. Sum-  
mary:

First race—for two-year-olds, three  
furlongs—Stepfather, 113 (Fain), 2 to  
5; first; Colton, 109 (Grannon), 3  
to 1; second; Tods Cottage, 113  
(Kohn), 10 to 1; third; Time, 1:37.5-5.  
Lady Lewis, Mrs. Carter, Katherine  
Gardner, ran.

Second race—three year olds and up,  
five and a half furlongs, selling—  
Posie, 91 (Burton), 6 to 5; first; Col-  
onel Austin, 109 (Grannon), 5 to 1;  
second; Catrin Montour, 91 (Stein-  
hardt), 4 to 1; third; Time, 1:11.3-5.  
Maltie, Joe, Faller, Alauda, Jupiter,  
Frank Patton, ran.

Third race—three year olds, five and  
a half furlongs, selling—Merman, 104  
(Steinhardt), 5 to 5; first; Ramon  
Carona, 119 (Conley), 4 to 1; second;  
Temper, 107 (Fain), 2 to 1; third; Time,  
1:13.5-5. Bannade and Robert Powell,  
ran.

Fourth race—four year olds and up,  
six furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 109  
(Relley), 6 to 1; first; Merry Gift, 104  
(Fain), 3 to 2; second; Dry Dock, 110  
(Conley), 6 to 1; third; Time, 1:17.4-5.  
W. I. Hinch, Beth Goodwyn, Okente  
and Goldsmith, ran.

Fifth race—four year olds and up,  
six furlongs, selling—Nubulous, 101  
(Steinhardt), 2 to 1; second; Alencore,  
105 (Fain), 3 to 1; third; Time, 1:19.  
Frank Fisher, Alvis E., Anne Smith,  
Claborne and Virginia Maid, ran.

Sixth race—three year olds and up,  
six furlongs, selling—Billie Gibbs, 113  
(Lewis), 3 to 5; first; Clysmis, 104  
(Steinhardt), 6 to 5; second; Charlotte  
Hamilton, 109 (Grannon), 10 to 1;  
third; Time, 1:13.1-5. Tallow and  
Lucullus, ran.

President Fogel and Manager Doolin,  
of the Philadelphia National League  
baseball club, with thirty-two players,  
passed through Richmond at 10:30  
o'clock last night, en route to their  
spring training ground at Southern  
Pines, N. C. It was a lucky bunch,  
including many youngsters who  
have never seen service in the big  
leagues before, and others who are  
nearing the end of their career on the  
diamond. The president and manager,  
during the brief stay in Richmond, were  
too busy to say more than that they  
expect to do wonders in the National  
during the coming season, and will  
make the best of them fight hard for  
honors at the finish.

President Fogel did take time to say  
that he has chosen E. E. McKeen, of  
St. Joseph, Mo., to be the Phillies  
scout in that section, but he would not  
say who will take Johnny Bates' place  
in the outfield in the event that young-  
ster fails to come to terms. Manager  
Doolin would not discuss prospects, but  
says he expects to come through Rich-  
mond on the return trip North and will  
have more to say then.

NEW PITCHER FOR RICHMOND.  
Harry Peaster, a Cotton States' League  
player, has signed contract.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Waynesboro, Miss., February 24.—Harry  
Peaster, a pitcher, who won many games  
for Vicksburg, of the Cotton States' League,  
has forwarded his contract to Richmond,  
where he will play the coming season.  
Peaster returned to Vicksburg, Miss., made  
for his services last year, and played in-  
dependent ball.

He bought his own baseball freedom dur-  
ing the winter, and runs in this section  
think he will make Richmond a valuable  
pitcher.

No Match for Attell.  
New York, February 24.—Abe Attell,  
the featherweight champion, put it all  
over Frankie Nell in a ten-round battle  
before the Longacre Athletic Club to-  
night. It was all Attell's fight from  
start to finish. Nell was exhausted  
after the second round, and so far out-  
classed that it appeared as if Attell  
could finish him out at any time had  
he so desired.

So one-sided and uninteresting was  
the contest that the spectators spent  
much of the evening whistling a  
dreamy waltz in unison.

CHARTERS GRANTED  
Charters were issued by the State  
Corporation Commission yesterday as  
follows:

The Builders' Exchange of the city  
of Richmond, principal office, Rich-  
mond, Va. Incorporators—A. J.  
Arlbert, president; A. T. Jennings,  
vice-president; M. R. Ramsey, secretary.  
Capital stock—Maximum, \$100,000; min-  
imum, \$5,000. Objects and purposes: Asso-  
ciation of the city of Richmond, for the  
purpose of more completely uniting and co-  
operating for their benefit.

King Street Real Estate Company, In-  
corporated, principal office, Hampden  
Va. Incorporators—W. E. Bassette, Jr.,  
president; Hamilton Nelson, secretary;  
J. H. Thomas, treasurer—all  
maximum, \$2,000; minimum, \$1,000. Objects  
and purposes: Real estate business.

Virginia State Bank, Incorporated, prin-  
cipal office, Danville, Va. Incorporators—  
W. W. Williamson, president;  
C. H. Hickey, vice-president; J. M. Leary,  
cashier and secretary—all of Danville.  
Capital stock—Maximum, \$50,000; min-  
imum, \$25,000. Objects and purposes: Mer-  
cantile business.

The Snow-White Company, Incorporated,  
principal office, Green Bay, Va. Incorporators—  
J. K. White, president;  
M. V. Snow, secretary and treasurer.  
Capital stock—Maximum, \$25,000; min-  
imum, \$1,000. Objects and purposes: Mer-  
cantile business.

D'Alton & Co., Incorporated, principal  
office, Petersburg, Va. Incorporators—  
F. M. D'Alton, president; Jennie  
M. D'Alton, J. D. Smith, secretary and  
treasurer—all of Petersburg, Va. Capital  
stock—Maximum, \$50,000; minimum,  
\$15,000. Objects and purposes: Gro-  
cery business.

A license to do business in the State  
was issued to the White Veneer Company,  
a corporation organized and ex-  
isting under the laws of the State of  
North Carolina, a written power of

# That Postal Deficit

The Joint Postal Commission in 1907  
reported as follows:

"It appears too obvious to require argument that the  
most efficient service can never be expected as long as the  
direction of the business is, as at present, entrusted to a  
Postmaster-General and certain assistants selected with-  
out special reference to experience and qualifications and  
subject to frequent change. Before the Postmaster-  
General and his assistants can become reasonably familiar  
with the operations of the service they are replaced by  
others, who, in turn, are called upon to resign before they  
can, in the nature of things, become qualified by knowl-  
edge and experience to perform their allotted tasks.  
Under such a system a large railroad, commercial or  
industrial business would inevitably go into bankruptcy,  
and the Post-Office Department has availed that fate only  
because the United States Treasury has been available to  
meet deficiencies."

The public accountants' report said:

"The work of the Department and its development is  
hindered all along the line by slavish adherence to old  
methods and to precedents created in previous years, and  
many reforms which might otherwise be instituted are  
hindered, if not entirely prevented, by appeals to the  
decisions of the Comptroller, made, perhaps, many years  
ago under entirely different conditions. Then, again,  
the conservatism of Government officials is a generally  
admitted fact. There is no inducement to employees to  
suggest improvements in the service for the reason that if  
these improvements result in greater efficiency or economy  
of administration they will receive little credit; and, on  
the other hand, if new methods are not successful they  
will be charged with the whole blame."

In view of these official statements  
by those whom Congress authorized to in-  
vestigate the Post-Office, we submit that  
the Postmaster-General's attempt to wipe  
out the deficit in his Department by raising  
the postage on your magazines, instead of by  
devoting his energies to securing legislation  
that will place the service on a sound, effi-  
cient and economical basis, is unwise and  
unbusinesslike. The nature of his recom-  
mendations, and the attempt to exempt  
newspapers from any increase, are final  
grounds for a divorce of this great business  
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cery business.

A license to do business in the State  
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isting under the laws of the State of  
North Carolina, a written power of

attorney having been filed with the  
commission appointing W. B. Simmons,  
of Richmond, statutory agent. Maxi-  
mum capital authorized by charter,  
\$250,000. Objects and purposes: Man-  
ufacturing wooden ware.

A license to do business in the State  
was issued to the Gulf Red Cedar Com-  
pany, a corporation organized and ex-  
isting under the laws of the State of  
Alabama, a written power of attorney  
having been filed with the commission  
appointing W. H. Parrish, of Richmond,  
statutory agent. Maximum capital au-  
thorized by charter, \$300,000. Objects  
and purposes: Manufacturing wooden  
ware.

Puts Up Novel Defense.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Norfolk, Va., February 24.—A novel  
defense has been entered by the own-  
ers of the tug Jack Twoby and the  
schooner Malcolm Baxter, Jr., libeled  
by the United States government for  
the destruction of the lighthouse on  
Thimble Shoals. Following a collision  
with the Baxter, the lighthouse caught  
fire and was destroyed. The govern-  
ment asks \$50,000 damages.

The Twoby owners claim that a  
strong tug caused the collision, that it  
was unavoidable at the time; that at  
the moment of the collision the Twoby  
had released the Baxter in order to

break the force of the collision, a  
claim that the outside tug is liable on  
the extent of her value, not state  
Liability generally is denied, how-  
ever for the accident.

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